

HE WANTED IT STOPPED

Lessler Was Anxious That the Inquiry End.

HE SAYS DOBLIN LIED

Subcommittee Appointed to Draw Up Findings to Report to Full Committee for Final Action—Mr. Rixey's Questions.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 27.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs to-day concluded the taking of testimony in the investigation of the charge made by Representative Lessler that a corrupt attempt had been made to influence his vote in that committee on the proposition to purchase submarine torpedo boats.

The executive session was held by the committee at the conclusion of the afternoon session, and consideration was given to the findings the committee would report to the House. After several resolutions had been proposed and discussion had been had as to the wording of a report, a subcommittee, composed of Representative Foss, of Illinois; Dayton, of West Virginia; Taylor, of Ohio; Meyer, of Alabama, and Kitchin, of North Carolina, was appointed to draw up a set of findings in that committee on the full committee for its final action.

ABSOLUTE DENIAL.
At the opening of to-day's session Mr. Lessler denied the statements made yesterday by Philip Doblin. He said, "I absolutely desire to deny," he said, "absolutely and unequivocally as false the statement made by the witness Doblin here yesterday as to any collusive scheme or any of the substantial details sworn to by him here, and desire to reiterate that the facts as originally told by me are true." The Lessler made a detailed statement of his meeting with Doblin in this city, at the end of which Mr. Rixey asked:

"Had you any intimation of the character of the man, as shown by his testimony before the committee?"

"Absolutely none," he replied.

"As far as you know, up to the beginning of this investigation, Doblin was a man who had enjoyed a good reputation in the city of New York?"

"I never knew of him being good by Doblin in any shape, manner or form before, I never knew of his word being doubted at all."

"You know of no reason which accounts for this change of testimony on the part of Doblin?"

"I know of no reason."

On cross-examination by Mr. Nicol Lessler told of a meeting with Mr. Roberts, a member of the House Naval Committee, in Statuary Hall. Lessler testified:

"I said to him, as he was the one most interested in the proposition, that I would sign a statement, and Mr. Roberts brought a letter to me addressed to the Holland Company."

At this letter was addressed to the Holland Company, Lessler said he refused to sign it.

After hearing Harry Schreiner, an uncle of Lessler, the committee took a recess.

"I am not a fact that you communicated with me at any time when Lessler made this statement to you?"

"I think so. I called up Frost by telephone and told him there was a new turn in affairs."

"And Lessler said to you that he would be willing to sign any statement that was honorable and fair if he could stop this matter?"

"Yes."

"Now is it not a fact that immediately upon the expiration of Lessler's effort a perfect bowl went up through the press of this country, and what Lessler was referring to in his conversation with you was that he wanted to escape the public opprobrium, wanted to escape the establishment of comment and criticism which he had because of that exposure? Isn't that the impression made upon your mind?"

"A. Not at all. I had a distinctly different impression of Lessler's anxiety to stop the investigation."

"You thought he was lying?"

"A. You can put any words in the record you want."

"Is it not a fact that you never have believed in the statement?"

OBJECTIONS RAISED.
Objections were raised to the question

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by members and Mr. Wheeler withdrew it.

Continuing, Mr. Wheeler asked Mr. Roberts:

"Have you not been a very ardent, avowed and aggressive advocate of the Holland submarine torpedo-boat proposition?"

"A. Yes, I have been and do not hesitate to avow it."

A colloquy followed between Representatives Kitchin and Wheeler over objections raised by Mr. Kitchin.

Lessler was recalled and corroborated what Mr. Roberts had stated.

"It is substantially true," he said.

Mr. Lousmeier said that as Mr. Lessler and Mr. Roberts agreed perfectly regarding the conversation, further questioning would be useless.

The committee then adjourned.

WERE LONG COMING

Minister Herran's Credentials Arrive in Washington.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 27.—Mr. Herran, the Colombian charge, called at the State Department and filed his credentials appointing him to take up the business of the Colombian legation here as the successor of the retired Minister, Senor Concha. These credentials were received in Washington last Saturday by mail from Bogota. As about six weeks was consumed in the journey, it is evident that the credentials were drawn some time before the canal treaty was signed by Secretary Hay and Mr. Herran. Secretary Hay fully anticipated himself before embarking in negotiations with Mr. Herran that the latter possessed the necessary powers to make the treaty, being advised by cable from United States Minister Hart, at Bogota, that the Foreign Office there had issued the credentials and forwarded them to Washington.

Alleged Deserter.

Detective-Sergeant Gibson arrested Geo. Berry yesterday as a deserter from the United States Navy. He was looked up in the First Police Station and will be held pending instructions from the Navy Department at Washington. He denies that he deserted and says that he simply left the reeling ship Franklin on a one-day leave of absence. He claims that he got to Norfolk and came to Richmond in the hope of finding money sufficient to return to Norfolk, having been robbed in Newport News.

Bishop Millers Will.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 27.—The last will and testament of the late Bishop John Miller, of the Episcopal Church, was filed in the Chancery Court to-day. It is dated December, 1898, and is very short. No schedule of values or list of property is made, the entire estate being left to the widow, who is also named executrix without bond. The magnificent library, valued at \$100,000, was left to the Bishop's nephew, a chaplain in the United States navy.

THOMAS DOLLARD

GROUND TO BITS

Struck by the Florida Special.

His Life Was Instantly Crushed Out of Him.

There is little doubt that the body found on the railroad track on Belvidere Street, near Main, early yesterday morning, is that of Mr. Thomas Dollard, a moulder, who worked at the Locomotive Works.

Mr. Dollard has not been seen since Monday evening. He worked yesterday and it is believed that he was on his way home, at No. 600 South First Street, from Broad Street, going down Belvidere, when he was struck by the engine of the Florida Special, which passed through shortly after 12 o'clock.

His brother, Mr. Richard Dollard, a well-known cigar manufacturer and a leader in labor circles, is quite sure the remains are those of his brother. His identification is mainly from an Indian ink mark on his right wrist. His hat, shoes and other articles of wearing apparel correspond with those worn by Mr. Dollard. His shoes were new, having been purchased last Saturday night.

Mr. Dollard was about forty-three years old. He leaves several children and is a widower.

The rumor that the remains were those of Mr. John Sullivan was without foundation, as Mr. Sullivan was in Boston's underground establishment at Belvidere and Broad Streets at 4 o'clock yesterday morning waiting for a train.

The deceased was well known and had many friends. It is thought that he was out with some of them Monday night and that was the occasion of his being so far up town. Belvidere Street is a short cut from upper Broad to First Street, and he would have taken that route home naturally.

The idea of foul play has not played a prominent part in the case, for no one knows of his ever having had an enemy. Coroner Taylor will secure all the evidence he can and will hold an inquest this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Third Police Station.

The offices of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad have taken quite an interest in the matter and it is quite probable that they will do all they can in the premises to relieve the distressed family.

Shortly after the discovery of the remains by Policemen McMahon and Nuckolls, the remains were gathered up and carried to Bennett's undertaking establishment, where they were prepared for burial.

ARRANGING THE DETAILS

Blockade of Venezuela to Be Raised Shortly.

PREFERENTIAL CLAIMS

Question Delaying Signing of Protocol Is Whether Great Britain and Germany Shall Be Shown Favor Over Other Nations.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 27.—By appointment the first joint conference of the Venezuelan negotiators occurred this afternoon at Minister Bowen's apartments, the ranking diplomat, Signor Mayer Des Planches, the Italian Ambassador, making the representations in French to Mr. Bowen. The question under discussion was a matter of the most difficult detail, the envoys wishing to know whether the monthly payments to the allies should be in proportion to the amount of the claims, or whether Great Britain, Germany and Italy would receive the same amounts each month until the indemnity was paid. Mr. Bowen stated he was quite willing to leave this to the powers themselves to settle, and that any arrangements they might make would be satisfactory to Venezuela.

Another detail which has not yet been cleared up involves the question of preferential treatment of the allied powers as against the rest of the world, France, Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden, Belgium, Spain and the United States in the payment of the indemnity. Mr. Bowen contends that this question did not form a part of the allies' consent procedure to the raising of the blockade.

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OBITUARY.

Irven R. Blackburn.

Mr. Irven R. Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackburn, died yesterday evening at 7:30 at St. Luke's hospital. Mr. Blackburn was taken ill on Sunday two weeks ago. No hope was entertained of his recovery until the Saturday after he was stricken, when there were signs of some improvement. On Wednesday last week he was removed to the hospital, his physicians, Drs. McGuire, Ross and Mosely, deeming an operation necessary, but upon a thorough examination they found that his condition would not permit of it.

Irven Blackburn was one of the most popular young men of the city and a favorite with all with whom he came in contact. He was an assistant engineer in the office of Mr. Scarborough, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, in which position he was rapidly advancing. For a number of years, up to the time of his death, he had been a consistent member of Grace-Street Baptist Church, of which the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The interment will be in Hollywood.

Mr. Blackburn was a man of the most exemplary character.

Francis D. Gilliam.

Mr. Francis D. Gilliam died yesterday morning about 9 o'clock at his home, No. 7 North Sixth Street, after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Gilliam was (thirteen years of age and was a well-known young man. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary D. Gilliam.

The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the Second Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Bridget Lyden.

The death of Mrs. Bridget Lyden occurred Monday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Peter Murphy, No. 314 South Fifth Street. Two daughters and three grandchildren survive.

The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock this morning from St. Peter's Cathedral.

Thomas Riddell.

Mr. Thomas Riddell died Sunday at his home, No. 307 South Laurel Street, after an illness of some time. The funeral took place yesterday from Christ Episcopal Church. The arrangements were in charge of Dove Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of which Mr. Newberry was a long member.

Mrs. Emily F. Gibson.

Mrs. Emily F. Gibson died at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning. She was the widow of John S. Gibson and was seventy-nine years of age. The funeral will take place at 8 o'clock to-day from the residence.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of Mr. Robert W. Maury, who died Monday, takes place at noon to-day from the residence of Mr. Portia Robinson, No. 818-1-2 West Franklin Street. The interment will be private.

The funeral of Mr. J. P. Newberry took place yesterday afternoon from Christ Episcopal Church. The arrangements were in charge of Dove Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of which Mr. Newberry was a long member.

Major Charles Old.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
POWHTAN, C. H., Va., January 27.—Major Charles Old died at his home near Powhatan, Va., on Monday, Jan. 26, at the age of eighty-five years. He was a native of Maryland and had a severe spell of several years and had never fully recovered. About ten days ago he was seized with pneumonia, which resulted in his death.

Major Old entered the army in 1861 and served through the entire war. He enlisted in the Powhatan Troop, under the command of St. George Cooke, who was afterwards made brigadier-general. Major Old was soon made captain, and afterwards promoted to major, which position he filled until the surrender. He was a brave soldier and much beloved by his men. He was a kind, good citizen and much loved by all who knew him.

He leaves a wife and four children—Mrs. A. L. Wickham, Mrs. S. L. Dance, of Powhatan, Va.; Mrs. Pruden and Mr. Les Old.

His remains will be interred in the cemetery at Grace Church, near Genito, Powhatan county, Va., of which church he was a member.

Major Old was vice-president of the Powhatan Troop Association and as such took great interest in the Association.

William Boley.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., January 27.—William Boley, aged sixty-one years, died at his home here this morning from blood poisoning resulting from a complication of diseases. He was born in Liberty, now Bedford City, served four years as artilleryman in the Confederate army, came to Lexington in 1869 and married here four years later. A daughter of Thomas H. Deaver. For years he was engaged in merchandising. Five children survive, also his father, John J. Boley, of Bedford City, aged ninety-five years; five brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. M. E. Osborne.

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